

**Circuit Court**  
**for**  
**Baltimore City**  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MARYLAND  
111 NORTH CALVERT STREET  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

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*Re: Broadcasting of Maryland Criminal Proceedings*

Dear Ms. Konstan and Ms. Abrutyn:

It has come to my attention that Home Box Office, Inc. ("HBO") recently broadcast two episodes of a four-part documentary series entitled *The Case Against Adnan Syed*. These episodes included portions of the audio/video recordings of Mr. Syed's criminal trial in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Please be advised that, irrespective of how HBO obtained these recordings, Maryland law prohibits "broadcast[ing] any criminal matter, including a trial, hearing, motion, or argument, that is held in the trial court." Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. § 1-201(a)(1). A person who violates this prohibition may be held in contempt of court. § 1-201(c).

In compliance with this prohibition, HBO should immediately cease any broadcasting of Maryland criminal trials.

Very truly yours,



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